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On June 12, 2006, Brown, who began working at Meriter Hospital in 1977, pleaded guilty to committing mail fraud while she was employed at Meriter. Brown became the medical staff coordinator and from December 1991 until August 2004 she was responsible for managing a medical staff account. The account was funded by annual dues paid by medical staff and was established to pay for medical staff training and education, among other things. During the term of her employment Brown defrauded the medical staff account by issuing 359 checks totaling \$499,337.48 to either herself or her creditors, purporting that the checks were for legitimate expenses incurred by the medical staff.

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